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Apply Double-Angle and Half-Angle Formulas

$$\cos^2 a + \sin^2 a = 1$$

Goal • Use double-angle and half-angle formulas.

$$\tan a = 2 \tan \frac{a}{2}$$

$$\cos^2 a - \sin^2 a = 2\cos^2 a - 1 = 1 - 2\sin^2 a$$

Your Notes

DOUBLE-ANGLE AND HALF-ANGLE FORMULAS

Double-Angle Formulas

$$\cos 2a = \cos^2 a - \sin^2 a$$

$$\cos 2a = 2\cos^2 a - 1$$

$$\cos 2a = \cos^2 a - \sin^2 a$$

$$\sin 2a = 2\sin a \cos a$$

$$\tan 2a = \frac{2\tan a}{1 - \tan^2 a}$$

Half-Angle Formulas

$$\sin \frac{a}{2} = \sqrt{\frac{1 - \cos a}{2}}$$

$$\cos \frac{a}{2} = \sqrt{\frac{\cos a + 1}{2}}$$

$$\tan \frac{a}{2} = \frac{\sin a}{1 + \cos a} = \frac{1 - \cos a}{\sin a}$$

$$\tan \frac{a}{2} = \sqrt{\frac{1 - \cos a}{1 + \cos a}}$$

$$\tan(a+b) = \frac{\tan a + \tan b}{1 - \tan a \tan b}$$

$$\frac{2\tan a}{1 - \tan^2 a}$$

Example 1 Evaluating trigonometric expressions

Find the exact value of $\cos \frac{\pi}{8}$.

Solution

$$\cos \frac{\pi}{8} = \cos \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\pi}{4} \right) = \sqrt{\frac{1 + \cos \frac{\pi}{4}}{2}}$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{1 + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}}{2}} = \sqrt{\frac{\frac{2 + \sqrt{2}}{2}}{2}} = \sqrt{\frac{2 + \sqrt{2}}{4}} = \frac{\sqrt{2 + \sqrt{2}}}{2}$$

Because $\frac{\pi}{8}$ is in Quadrant I and the value of cosine is positive in Quadrant I, the following formula is used:

$$\cos \frac{a}{2} = \sqrt{\frac{1 + \cos a}{2}}$$

Your Notes

In part (b), you can multiply through the inequality $\frac{\pi}{2} < a < \pi$ by $\frac{1}{2}$ to get $\frac{\pi}{4} < \frac{a}{2} < \frac{\pi}{2}$. So, $\frac{a}{2}$ is in Quadrant I.

Example 2

Evaluate trigonometric expressions

Given $\sin a = \frac{3}{5}$ with $\frac{\pi}{2} < a < \pi$, find (a) $\cos 2a$ and (b) $\cos \frac{a}{2}$.

Solution

Using a Pythagorean identity gives $\cos a = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$.

a. $\cos 2a = \underline{\hspace{2cm}} - 1 = \underline{\hspace{2cm}} \left(\underline{\hspace{2cm}} \right)^2 - 1 = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

b. Because $\frac{a}{2}$ is in Quadrant I, $\cos \frac{a}{2}$ is $\underline{\hspace{2cm}}$.

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✓ **Checkpoint** Complete the following exercises.

1. Find the exact value of $\sin \frac{\pi}{12}$.

2. Given $\cos a = -\frac{7}{25}$ with $\pi < a < \frac{3\pi}{2}$, find $\sin 2a$.

Example 3

Verify a trigonometric identity

Verify the identity $\sin 4x = 4 \sin x \cos x(1 - 2 \sin^2 x)$

Solution

$$\begin{aligned}\sin 4x &= \sin(2x + \underline{\hspace{2cm}}) \\ &= \sin 2x \cos 2x + \underline{\hspace{2cm}} \\ &= (2 \sin x \cos x) \cos 2x + \cos 2x(\underline{\hspace{2cm}}) \\ &= (2 \sin x \cos x + 2 \sin x \cos x) \underline{\hspace{2cm}} \\ &= (4 \sin x \cos x) \underline{\hspace{2cm}} \\ &= 4 \sin x \cos x(\underline{\hspace{2cm}})\end{aligned}$$

Your Notes

Example 4 Solve a trigonometric equation

Solve $\cos 2x + \sin x = 0$ for $0 \leq x < 2\pi$.

Solution

$$\begin{aligned}\cos 2x + \sin x &= 0 \\ \cos 2x + \sin x &= 0 \\ \cos 2x + \sin x + \cos x &= 0 \\ (\cos x + \cos x) + \sin x + \cos x &= 0 \\ \cos x + \cos x + \sin x + \cos x &= 0 \quad \text{or} \quad \cos x + \sin x + \cos x = 0 \\ \cos x + \cos x + \sin x + \cos x &= -1 \quad \cos x + \sin x + \cos x = -1 \\ \sin x &= -1 \quad \sin x = -1 \\ x &= \frac{3\pi}{2}, \frac{7\pi}{2} \quad x = \frac{3\pi}{2}, \frac{7\pi}{2}\end{aligned}$$

✓ **Checkpoint** Complete the following exercises.

3. Verify the identity $\cos 3x = \cos^3 x - 3 \sin^2 x \cos x$.

4. Solve $\tan \frac{x}{2} = \sin x$ for $0 \leq x < 2\pi$.

Homework

$$\cos \frac{a}{2} =$$

$$\sin^2 b + \cos^2 b = 1 \quad b = a/2$$

$$\cos^2 b = 1 - \sin^2 b$$

$$\cos b = \sqrt{1 - \sin^2 b}$$

$$\sin \frac{a}{2} = \sqrt{1 - \cos^2 \frac{a}{2}}$$

$$\tan \frac{a}{2} = \frac{\sin \frac{a}{2}}{\cos \frac{a}{2}}$$

$$\cos \frac{a}{2} = \sqrt{1 - \sin^2 \frac{a}{2}}$$

$$\cos \frac{a}{2} = \sqrt{\frac{\cos a + 1}{2}}$$

$$\sin \frac{a}{2} = \sqrt{\frac{1 - \cos a}{2}}$$

$$\tan \frac{a}{2}$$

$$\cos 2a = \cos^2 a - \sin^2 a = 2\cos^2 a - 1 = 1 - 2\sin^2 a$$

$$\cos a = 2\cos^2 \frac{a}{2} - 1 = 1 - 2\sin^2 \frac{a}{2}$$

$$\cos a + 1 = 2\cos^2 \frac{a}{2}$$

$$\sqrt{\frac{\cos a + 1}{2}} = \cos \frac{a}{2}$$

$$\cos a = 1 - 2\sin^2 \frac{a}{2}$$

$$2\sin^2 \frac{a}{2} = 1 - \cos a$$

$$\sin \frac{a}{2} = \sqrt{\frac{1 - \cos a}{2}}$$